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SUBJECT: REPATRIATION

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1. REPATRIATION OF NON-BENGALEES TO PAKISTAN HAS SHARPLY DECLINED BECAUSE OF LACK OF CLEARED NAMES FROM GOP AND DIFFICULTY LOCATING REPATRIATES IN BANGLADESH (SEE REFTEL). OCTOBER 10 TWO OF SIX FLIGHTS DEPARTED EMPTY, TWO OTHERS CARRIED ONLY 5 AND 16 PASSENGERS, RESPECTIVELY, FOR DAY'S TOTAL OF 151. TODAY'S TOTAL MAY BE MUCH LOWER. VERY FEW CLEARED PAKISTANIS ARE AVAILABLE. ROMAN KOHAUT, UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE FOR BANGLADESH, INFORMS US TOTAL OF 10,000 NAMES CLEARED WITH ADDITIONAL 6,000 ANTICIPATED SOON. UNHCR HAS REPATRIATED ABOUT 6,000. BDG AND ICRC ARE HAVING TROUBLE LOCATING MOST OF OTHER 4,000. KOHAUT IS OF OPINION THAT BDG IS LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALREADY

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DEPARTED, PROBABLY VIA KATHMANDU.

2. KOHAUT REPORTS THAT USSR IS UNHAPPY THAT LLYUSHIN IS NOT FULL OCCUPIED, ALTHOUGH UNHCR HAS MADE EFFORT TO PROVIDE SOVIET PLANE WITH LARGER NUMBERS. COINCIDENTALLY OR NOT, SOVIETS HAVE CHOSE TO SEND PLANE BEING USED TO MOSCOW FOR SERVICING TODAY. IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER SUBSTITUTE PLANE WILL BE PROVIDED IMMEDIATELY. SOVIETS HAVE SAID THAT A 1,000 PASSENGER SHIP IS AVAILABLE, BUT KOHAUT IS OPPOSED TO SHIP TRANSPORT BECAUSE OF THE ADDITIONAL COST OF PROVIDING ESCORT AND PROVISIONS FOR REPATRIATES PLUS BAD WEATHER THIS TIME OF YEAR.

3. UNHCR GENEVA HAS AUTHORIZED CONTINUANCE OF FLIGHTS EVEN IF SOME FLY EMPTY. KOHAUT IS NOT OVERLY CONCERNED THAT FEW IF ANY PAKISTANIS DEPART FOR A FEW DAYS BECAUSE BENGALLEES OUTNUMBER PAKISTANIS IN THE TOTAL EXCHANGE FIGURES. CONTINUED IMBALANCE OF PRESENT MAGNITUDE IN THE EXCHANGE, HOWEVER, MAY RESULT IN PROBLEMS TOWARD END OF PROGRAM. WHAT IS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO UNHCR AT PRESENT IS TO CONTINUE MOMENTUM OF THE PROGRAM.

4. PROBLEM OF FINANCING REPATRIATION FLIGHTS IS OF CONTINUING CONCERN TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION REPS IN DACCA AND TO BDG. WHEN CHARGE DELIVERED PRESIDENT NIXON'S REPLY TO MUJIB APPEAL (STATE 199552) TO FOREIGN SECRETARY OCTOBER 10, KARIM REMARKED POINTEDLY THAT USG CONTRIBUTION TO SUCH INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS ALWAYS ACTED AS CATALYST TO OTHER CONTRIBUTORS. WE EXPECT THAT IT WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY AWKWARD FOR US HERE IF WE MUST CONTINUE UNABLE TO QUANTIFY EXPECTED USG CONTRIBUTION.  
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